

# 91st Illinois General Assembly Senate Transcript

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REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

73rd Legislative Day

February 10, 2000

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 91st General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by the Pastor Blake Carter, Hope Evangelical Free Church, Springfield, Illinois. Pastor Carter.

PASTOR BLAKE CARTER:

(Prayer by Pastor Blake Carter)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Radogno)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Kevin Jackson, with WGN-TV, has requested permission to tape. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, February 8th, 2000.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to approve the -- approve the Journal just read. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Wednesday, February 9th, in the year 2000, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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Senator Myers moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objections, so ordered. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like the Senate -- the record to reflect that Senator O'Daniel, obviously, is again not here today because of pneumonia, still in the hospital.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The record will so indicate. Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1926, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1927, by Senator Hendon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1928, by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1929, presented by Senators Peterson and Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1930, by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1931, by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1932, by Senator Mitchell.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 1233 {sic} (1933), by Senators Clayborne and  
Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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Senator Tom Walsh, Chair of the Committee on State Government Operations, reports Senate Bills 1591 and 1592 Do Pass, and Senate Bills 1284, 1297 and 1507 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Klemm, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Bills 1266, 1353 and 1389 Do Pass, and Senate Bills 649, 742, 807, 1524 and 1586 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Peterson, Chair of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Bills 1249, 1276, 1303 and 1451 Do Pass, and Senate Bills 334, 810 and 1326 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Lauzen, Chair of the Committee on Commerce and Industry, reports Senate Bills 1330 and 1331 Do Pass.

And Senator O'Malley, Chair of the Committee on Financial Institutions, reports Senate Bill 1275 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 293, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

It's a death resolution, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

And Senate Joint Resolution 55, offered by Senators Lightford, Lisa Madigan and others.

It's substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the

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concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bills 3114, 3138, 3176, 3201, 3260, 3312 and 3424.

All passed the House, February 9th, 2000.

Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has refused to concur with the Senate in the adoption of their amendment to a bill of the following title, to wit:

House Bill 1137, with Senate Amendment No. 1.

Nonconcurrent in by the House, February 9th, 2000.

A Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that

the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 49.

Adopted by the House, February 9th, 2000.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

House Joint Resolution 49 has been referred to the Consent Calendar. For the Member -- information of the Membership, we are going to go to page 2 of your Calendar, Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Senator Dudycz, on Senate Bill 1156? Out of the record. Senator Dudycz, on Senate Bill 1241? Out of the record. Senator Dillard, on Senate Bill 1288? Out of the record. Senator del Valle, on Senate Bill 1293? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill -- pardon me, Senate Bill 1293.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

The Committee on Local Government adopted Committee Amendment No. -- pardon me. I'm sorry. There are no Floor or committee amendments approved for consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

3rd Reading. Senator Jacobs, on Senate Bill 1294? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1294.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

3rd Reading. Senator Jacobs, on Senate Bill 1295? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1295.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Education adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

3rd Reading. Senator Lauzen, on Senate Bill 1298? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1298.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

3rd Reading. Senator O'Malley, on Senate Bill 1377? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1377.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

3rd Reading. Senator Klemm, on Senate Bill 1400? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1400.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)



3rd Reading. Senator Dillard, on Senate Bill 1426? Out of the record. Senator Cullerton, on Senate Bill 1442? Out of the record. Senator Mitchell, on Senate Bill 1477? Senator Mitchell? Out of the record. Senator Bomke, on Senate Bill 1504? Out of the record. Senator Parker, on Senate Bill 1533? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1533.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

3rd Reading. Senator Watson, on Senate Bill 1537? Senator Watson? Out of the record. Senator Watson, on Senate Bill 1538? Out of the record. Senator Thomas Walsh, on Senate Bill 1550?

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Thomas Walsh. Out of the record. Senator O'Malley, on Senate Bill 1577? Out of -- or, read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill -- 1577.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

3rd Reading. Senator Parker, on Senate Bill 1626? Out of the record. Introduction of Bills.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1934, offered by Senator Petka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 1935, offered by Senators Luechtefeld and O'Daniel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you very much, Madam President. While we're on a little short break here, I have an announcement, also, if I might. Senator Philip is being lobbied by Senator Clayborne, and I was trying to get Senator Philip's attention. We have two young ladies on our staff that, as of tomorrow, will have worked here in the Illinois Senate for twenty-five years: my secretary, Joan Withers, and Senator Molaro's secretary, Carol Jane Higgason. And I wanted to recognize today that they have been here and to indicate how much we appreciate their dedication and long hours, and -- and their not-much pay. I'm told that they're both still blond after twenty-five years. And I want to thank them, and I'm sure all of us want to thank them, for their service and sacrifice

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that they make on our behalf. And I would hope that, at least, the Senate President would do one thing for us this Session: On behalf of the two young ladies that are celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary, would you declare tomorrow a holiday on their behalf? Thank you very much, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Congratulations. Senator Molaro, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MOLARO:

...point out that with those two fine ladies, that it did make sense, even though back then when they were first appointed to their jobs - that's twenty-five years - Senator Philip didn't know if it would work out, because, obviously, they were about three years old at the time that they started here. So it's also happy twenty-eighth birthday to both of them. So, thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise, again?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

To report the -- the prank of my seatmate, Senator Welch, who pushed my button. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

We'll now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all of those read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolution?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No objections have been filed, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolutions are adopted. Senator Philip moves to suspend the rules for the... Resolutions.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 56, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 56)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Weaver moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 56. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Now Senator Weaver moves to adopt Senate Joint Resolution 56. Those in favor, say

Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment {sic} is adopted. House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 589, offered by Senator Robert Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 986, by Senator Robert Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Burzynski offers House Bill 2580.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

(House Bill 2580 read in error.)

Senate {sic} (House) Bill 2904, by Senator Robert Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3051, Senator Wendell Jones.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3176, Senator Larry Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Geo-Karis presents House Bill 3188.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3260, by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 3431, by Senator Tom Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

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Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Re-referred from the Revenue Committee to the Rules Committee - Senate Bill 1684; re-referred from Environment and Energy to the Rules Committee - Senate Bill 1649; referred to the Committee on Appropriations - Senate Bill 1896; to the Committee on Education - Senate Bills 1444, 1570, and Senate Resolution 284; (to the Committee on Environment and Energy Committee - Senate Bill 1653;) to the Committee on Executive - Senate Bills 1271, 1278, 1332, 1613, 1672, 1700, 1838, 1890 and 1922; to the Committee on Revenue - Senate Bills 1929, 1345 and 1883; to the Committee on State Government Operations - Senate Bill 1649; and to the Committee on Transportation - Senate Bill 1602. (Committee and Bill in parentheses submitted in writing, but inadvertently not read into the record.)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

If there is -- any further business to come before the Senate? Pursuant to the adjournment resolution, Senator Noland moves that the Senate stand adjourned until the hour of noon on Tuesday, February 15th. Tuesday, at noon. Senate stands adjourned.

